Gulf-funded Madarsas

3396. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Hindustan Times dated December 22, 2001, captioned, Gulf-funded Madarsas mushroom along Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, whether Government have verified the report; if so, the number of such schools found so working and the number of children studying therein;

(c) whether these schools are running along fundamentalist lines; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to reorientate these Madarsas along national lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d)As per the information received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Government has not carried out any survey regarding foreign funding to madarsas in the border areas of the country. However, in order to strengthen the law regulating the flow and utilization of foreign contribution, a proposal to enact a new legislation, replacing the existing Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, is receiving the Government's attention.

Unavailability of school books in Delhi

†3397. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 6th April, 2002 under the caption, "Bachchon ke school chaaloo kitabein nadarad";

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) what action Government have taken so far to make books on various subjects available to students of Government and public schools in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Based on the National Curriculum Framework for School Education—

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2000; NCERT had developed detailed subject-wise syllabi for all classes. NCERT also recommended the introduction of the new syllabus and textbooks, in schools in a phased manner, beginning with classes, I, III, VI, IX & XI, from the academic session 2002-2003. However, the new curriculum and textbooks relating to Hindi and Social Science including History have been stayed by the Supreme Court. For these courses existing Syllabus and textbooks will continue. For academic session 2002-2003, no change has been proposed in either the syllabus or NCERT textbooks in all subjects for II, IV, V, VII, VIII, X & XII classes. As informed by the NCERT, while the textbooks for class XI, are required only after the declaration of class X examination results in early June, all steps have been taken by them to ensure that the textbooks of all other classes are available in the market.

Increasing MPs quota for enrolment in KVS

†3398. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enhance the prescribed quota for enrolment in Central Schools, on the recommendation of MPs;

(b) if so, whether the said quota would be increased by the next session;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to discontinue the enrolment from MP quota from the next session; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Opening of IIMS abroad

3399. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IIMS are planning to spread their wings overseas;

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